

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicants to the Examiner's comments and rejection of various of the claims on formal matters, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action.

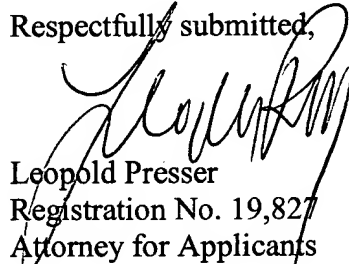
Concerning the formalities pertaining to the specification, in view of the numerous amendments which have been implemented to the specification throughout the prosecution, applicants herewith enclose a Substitute Specification in a clean copy, and also in a further copy in which there has been presently entered an Amendment deleting the article referred to in the previous Amendment, as shown in the marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that all of the changes required with regard to the Substitute Specification have been fully met. In this connection, applicants also enclose a Statement by applicants' attorney indicating that no new matter has been added to the specification.

Furthermore, applicants gratefully note the Examiner's indication that with the exception of numerous formal matters, the claims are considered to be essentially directed to allowable material, and accordingly, appropriate amendments have been implemented throughout the claims to conform the terminology to that which is deemed to be directed to clearly allowable and patentable terminology. In this connection, Claims 57 and 58 have been cancelled without prejudice and appropriate amendments have also been implemented to the various dependent claims.

Accordingly, inasmuch as the claims have also been amended throughout to essentially conform to the requirements set forth in the Office Action, and on the basis of the Substitute Specification, as presented herewith, all of the matters concerning this application are deemed to have been fully complied with, and the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance by the

Examiner is earnestly solicited. However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Statement;
Clean copy of Substitute Specification; and
Marked-up copy of Substitute Specification.